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U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0221337 A1 (FARYS et al.),
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French Patent Publication No. 2 720 235 A1 (CALZATURIFICO
S.C.A.R.P.A.), published on December 1, 1995;

French Patent Publication No. 2 840 163 A1 (SALOMON S.A.), published
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European Patent Publication No. 0 688 512 B1 (BORFIR INTERNACIONAL S.L.), published on December 27, 1995.


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